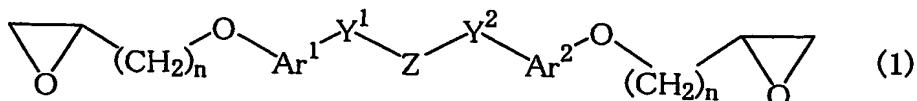


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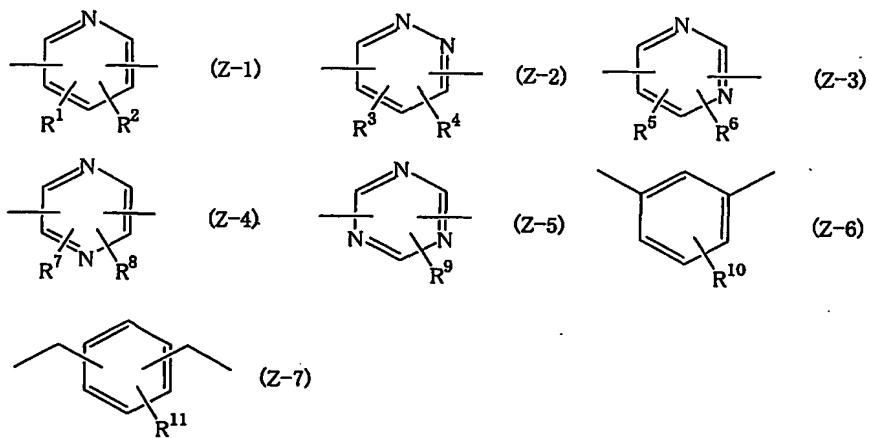
1. An epoxy compound of formula (1):



wherein n represents an integer of 1 to 9,

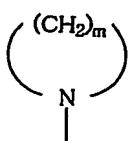
5 the  $-(CH_2)_n-$  group may have inserted  $-O-$ , or  $-N(R')-$ , between the methylene groups, wherein  $R'$  represents a hydrogen atom or a  $C_{1-18}$  alkyl group,

Z represents any one of divalent groups of the following general formulas (Z-1) to (Z-7):



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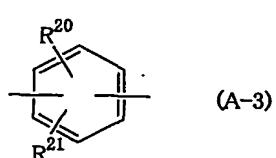
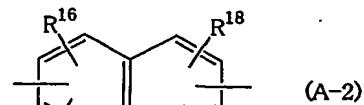
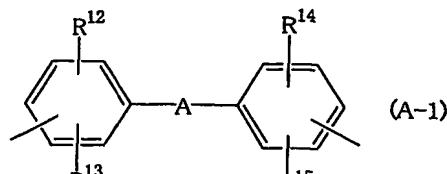
wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$ ,  $R^6$ ,  $R^7$ ,  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  are the same or different and represent independently a hydrogen atom, a  $C_{1-18}$  alkyl group, an amino group substituted with one or two  $C_{1-18}$  alkyl groups, or a cyclic amino group of the following formula:



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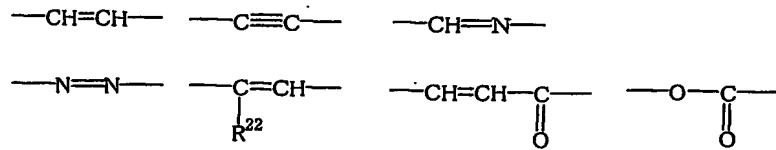
wherein  $m$  represents an integer of 4 to 12, and one methylene group or two or more not neighboring methylene groups of the  $C_{1-18}$  alkyl group or groups as defined in connection with  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$ ,  $R^6$ ,  $R^7$ ,  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $R^{10}$  or  $R^{11}$ , and of the cyclic amino group, may be replaced with  $-O-$ ,  $-NH-$ ,  $-N(R'')-$  or  $-S-$ , wherein  $R''$  represents a  $C_{1-18}$  alkyl group,

$Ar^1$  and  $Ar^2$  are the same or different and represent any one of groups of the following formulas (A-1) to (A-3):



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wherein  $A$  represents a single bond or any one group selected from the group consisting of:

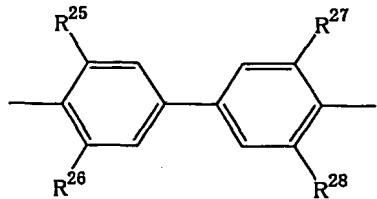


wherein  $R^{12}$ ,  $R^{13}$ ,  $R^{14}$ ,  $R^{15}$ ,  $R^{16}$ ,  $R^{17}$ ,  $R^{18}$ ,  $R^{19}$ ,  $R^{20}$ ,  $R^{21}$  and  $R^{22}$  are the same or different and represent independently a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a  $C_{1-18}$  alkyl group, a  $C_{1-8}$  alkoxy group, a cyano group, or a nitro group,

$Y^1$  and  $Y^2$  are the same or different and represent a

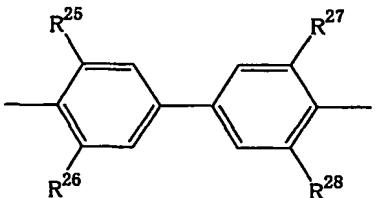
single bond, -O-, -S-, or -Si(R<sup>23</sup>)(R<sup>24</sup>)-, wherein R<sup>23</sup> and R<sup>24</sup> are the same or different and represent independently a lower alkyl group or a phenyl group.

5 2. The epoxy compound according to claim 1, wherein Ar<sup>1</sup> and Ar<sup>2</sup> in formula (1) are the same or different and represent independently a group of the following formula:



10 wherein R<sup>25</sup>, R<sup>26</sup>, R<sup>27</sup> and R<sup>28</sup> are the same or different and represent independently a hydrogen atom or a methyl group.

3. The epoxy compound according to claim 1, wherein Ar<sup>1</sup> and Ar<sup>2</sup> in formula (1) represent the same group of the following formula:



15 wherein R<sup>25</sup>, R<sup>26</sup>, R<sup>27</sup> and R<sup>28</sup> are the same or different and represent independently a hydrogen atom or a methyl group.

4. An epoxy composition, which comprises the epoxy compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 3 and a curing agent.

5. The epoxy composition according to claim 4, wherein the curing agent is an amine-type curing agent or a phenol type curing agent.

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6. A cured epoxy resin product obtained by curing the epoxy composition as defined in claim 4 or 5.

7. A prepreg obtained by impregnating or coating a  
10 substrate with the epoxy composition of claim 4 or 5 and then semi-curing the epoxy composition.